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TO HUGH L. MCCOLL
NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL BANK
CHARLOTTE, N.C.
TELEX: 082178

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BBSR
SUBJ: FIRST AFRICAN ARABIAN CORP.

1. NEITHER THE EMBASSY COMMERCIAL SECTION NOR THE EMBASSY LIAISON OFFICE IN RIYADH HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT FIRST AFRICAN ARABIAN IS YET REGISTERED AS A COMPANY IN SAUDI ARABIA. EXTENSIVE CANVASSING OF THE LOCAL BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL COMMUNITIES IN JIDDA AND RIYADH RESULTED IN ONLY ONE UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT THE SAUDI PRINCES INVOLVED WERE THE SONS OF FORMER KING SAUD WHO WAS EXILED IN 1964. THE SAME SOURCE BELIEVED THAT AT LEAST PART OF FIRST AFRICAN ARABIAN CORP.'S ACTIVITIES WOULD BE PROMOTION OF PRIZE FIGHTS. PART OF THE PROBLEM INVOLVED IN CHECKING THE PRINCES NAMED IN YOUR TELEX IS THAT THE LAST NAME AL SAUDI GENERALLY INDICATES ONLY MEMBERSHIP IN THE ROYAL FAMILY. SINCE THERE ARE OVER 3000 PRINCES AND PRINCESSES IN THE AL SAUD FAMILY, AND KHALID, MOHAMED AND ABDULLAH ARE VERY COMMON FIRST NAMES, WE CANNOT WITH ANY CERTAINTY IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC PRINCES WHO MAY BE INVOLVED WITH FIRST AFRICAN ARABIAN. WE WOULD BE PLEASED

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TO FOLLOW UP SHOULD YOU BE ABLE TO SEND US THE COMPLETE NAMES OF THESE PRINCES, SPECIFICALLY THE NAME(S) OF THEIR FATHER (S).

2. IF OUR UNCONFIRMED INFORMATION ON THEIR IDENTIFICATION IS CORRECT, THE PRINCES WOULD BE MOHAMED BIN SAUD BIN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD, ABDULLAH

BIN SAUD BIN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD AND KHALID BIN SAUD BIN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD. OF THESE THREE ONLY PRINCE MOHAMED IS KNOWN TO BE ACTIVE IN BUSINESS ACTIVITIES HERE.

3. WE ONLY HAVE CURRENT COMMERCIAL INFORMATION IN DETAIL ON ONE FIRM: NATIONAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES THE FOLLOWING COMPILATION OF INFORMATION PRINCE MOHAMED'S BUSINESS VENTURES MAY CONTAIN TRADE CONTACTS IN THE U.S. WHO ARE AWARE OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF FIRST AFRICAN ARABIAN.

A. NATIONAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD., P.O.

BOX 1312, JIDDA (QUEENS'S BLDG). TEL: 33543, 29430,

34561, FOUNDED: 1972, WTDR: 9/77.

ACTIVITY: MANUFACTURE OF FIBERGLASS FURNITURE.

SWIMMING POOLS, AND PANELS.

FINANCIAL AND TRADE REFERENCES: BRITISH BANK OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

PRINCIPALS: HRH PRINCE MOHAMED BIN SAUD, HRH PRINCE TURKI BIN FAISAL BIN ABDULAZIZ, HAJI ABDULLAH ALIREZA AND CO., LTD. (ALIREZA'S U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IS: INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CONSULTANTS, INC., SUITE 470, KENWOOD PROFESSIONAL BLDG., 5272 RIVER ROAD, BETHESDA, MD. 20016, TEL: (301) 986-9330, TELEX: 898307.)

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APPARENTLY INVOLVED IN A JOINT VENTURE WITH A BRITISH FIRM: FIRM BEYER, PEACOCK, OVERSEAS, LTD. 344 KENSINGTON HIGH STREET, LONDON W14 8NS. TEL: 01/6024644.

B. FIRST ARABIAN CORP., P.O. BOX 1312, JIDDA (SAME AS A). PHONE 534704, 34561. FOUNDED: 1973.

ACTIVITY: CLAIMS TO BE A PUBLIC CORPORATION ENGAGED IN INVESTMENT BANKING, WITH HEAD OFFICE IN LUXEMBOURG. (SINCE A COMPANY CANNOT CARRY ON BANKING ACTIVITY OR DEAL IN FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS WITHOUT SPECIFIC BANKING LICENSE IN SAUDI ARABIA, WE INFER THAT THE SAUDI OFFICE OF THIS COMPANY MAY SIMPLY BE AN OFFICE TO MONITOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT.)

FINANCIAL AND TRADE REFERENCES: MR. MATTHEW STEEKEL, BANK OF THE COMMONWEALTH, FORT AND GRISWOLD STREETS, DETROIT, MICHIGAN. TEL: (313) 496-6189, MR. PAUL SKINNER, SKINNER, SKINNER BLDG., SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. TEL: (206) 623-6480.

PRINCIPALS: MR. ROGER TAMRAZ. CHAIRMAN, PRINCE VICE-PRESIDENT, JIDDA AND BEIRUT. MR. IVES IS SAID TO MAKE OCCASIONAL VISITS TO JIDDA, AND USE THIS OFFICE ONLY AS A MAIL DROP.

C. ACIDS AND CHEMICALS COMPANY, P.O. BOX 1312, JIDDA
(SAME AS A). FORMED: MAY 12. 1976.
ACTIVITY: PRODUCTION OF CHLORINE GAS, HYDRO-
CHLORIC ACID, AND CAUSTIC SODA.
REPUTATION: UNKNOWN. WE HAVE NO COMMERCIAL
BACKGROUND ON THIS COMPANY FROM BANKS OR OTHER
SOURCES, AND BELIEVE IT HAS NOT YET BECOME ACTIVE.
PRINCIPALS. PRINCE MOHAMED BIN SAUD, PRINCE.
MOHAMED BIN FAISAL, ARABIAN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL
ESTABLISHMENT.
D. AL DHIAFA REAL ESTATE AND LAND DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION, P.O. BOX 1312, JIDDA (SAME AS A.)
TEL: 34561, 32361.
PRINCIPALS AND REPUTATIONS: UNKNOWN ASIDE
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FROM PRINCE MOHAMED.
CONTACT: LONDON K. THORNE, GENERAL MANAGER.
ACTIVITY: SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION, INSTITUTIONAL
FURNISHINGS, AVIONICS.
OTHER COMPANIES, ON WHICH WE HAVE NO INFORMATION
FROM SAUDI SOURCES:
E. SAUDI PRODUCTION ESTABLISHMENT, RIYADH.
F. HYDRO DRILLING, RIYADH.
I HOPE THAT THIS INFORMATION, SKETCHY AS IT IS, WILL
AT LEAST GIVE YOU SOME CLUE AS TO WHERE TO CHECK
FURTHER INTO FIRST AFRICAN ARABIAN CORP. WARM
REGARDS. JOHN C. SWEST.
AMERICAN EMBASSY
JIDDA, SAUDI ARABIA
WEST

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